

SENATE BILL 2353

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 50; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49,
Chapter 4, relative to tuition discounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-115(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A child under twenty-four (24) years of age shall only receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the undergraduate tuition at any state-operated institution of higher learning if:

(A) The child's parent:

(i) Is a full-time employee of the state;

(ii) Died while employed full-time or was killed on the job or in the line of duty while a full-time employee of the state; or

(iii) Is a retired employee of the state who retired after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of full-time creditable service;
and

(B) The child has first earned an associate degree using one (1) of the following grant or scholarship programs:

(i) The Tennessee Promise scholarship program
established under § 49-4-708;

(ii) The Community College Reconnect Grant program
established under § 49-4-927; or

(iii) The Tennessee reconnect grant program established under § 49-4-944.

(2) The tuition discount provided by this section shall only be available to a child under twenty-four (24) years of age who satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a)(1), and shall only be applied toward tuition charged by a state-operated institution of higher learning for the courses or credit hours necessary for that child to receive a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-119(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) A child under twenty-four (24) years of age shall only receive a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in the undergraduate tuition at any state-operated institution of higher learning if:

(A) The child's parent:

(i) Is employed as a full-time certified teacher in any public school in Tennessee;

(ii) Is employed as a full-time technology coordinator in any LEA in Tennessee;

(iii) Is a retired teacher who retired after a minimum of thirty (30) years of full-time creditable service in Tennessee public schools; or

(iv) Received disability retirement after a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of full-time creditable service in Tennessee public schools; and

(B) The child has first earned an associate degree using one (1) of the following grant or scholarship programs:

(i) The Tennessee Promise scholarship program established under § 49-4-708;

(ii) The Community College Reconnect Grant program established under § 49-4-927; or

(iii) The Tennessee reconnect grant program established under § 49-4-944.

(2) A child who is receiving the discount provided for by this section but whose parent dies during the time the child is enrolled and receiving the discount is eligible to continue to receive the discount as provided in this section.

(3) The tuition discount provided by this section shall only be available to a child under twenty-four (24) years of age who satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a)(1), and shall only be applied toward tuition charged by a state-operated institution of higher learning for the courses or credit hours necessary for that child to receive a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to tuition discounts for the 2019-2020 academic year and each academic year thereafter.